

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are pending in the Application.

***Preliminary Matters***

Applicants note that there are no prior art rejections of the claims. Accordingly, since, as detailed below, claims 1-14 are patentable over the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112***

**35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph**

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner asserts that the language “and are in direct contact with each other without being thermally sealed” is not supported in the present specification. Applicants respectfully disagree. In the claimed invention, the casing film is sealed at a distance away from the electric device element in a reduced pressure environment, such that when the electric device is brought to atmospheric pressure, the opposed surfaces of the casing film are pressed together by the atmospheric pressure. This is illustrated at least in FIG. 5B and discussed at least at page 16, line 16 to page 17, line 3 of the original disclosure. Although the films in the close contact zone 15 are illustrated as separate from one another, Applicants submit that this separation is only illustrated to distinguish close contact zone 15 from the thermally sealed area 14.

The original disclosure also recites at least at page 13, lines 17-25, that the close contact zone is a space “in which opposing casing films 11 are simply in close contact with each other without cup area 11a formed therein or being thermally sealed.” Furthermore, page 26, lines 6-19 of the original disclosure, in describing an example of the claimed invention, recites “in

which the laminate films were not adhered to each other but were in close contact with each other by the atmospheric pressure”.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the claims are properly supported in the original disclosure. Applicants accordingly request that the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner asserts that the language “a direction along a side of the electrical device element” in claims 1-3 is unclear. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1-3 to recite “a direction ~~along~~ parallel to a side of the electrical device element,” and submits that as amended, the language is sufficiently clear.

The Examiner asserts that the language “substantially held at zero degrees” in claims 1 and 10 is unclear. By this Amendment, Applicants amend the claims to recite “~~substantially~~ held at substantially zero degrees”, and submit that as amended, the language is sufficiently clear.

The Examiner also asserts that the language “the casing film comprises two opposing casing films” in claim 14 is unclear. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 14 to recite “the casing film comprises two opposing casing laminate films,” as recited at least at page 11, lines 16-25 of the original disclosure. Applicants submit that as amended, the language is sufficiently clear.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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